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COPPER SURFACES FOR  
BONDING TO SUBSTRATES

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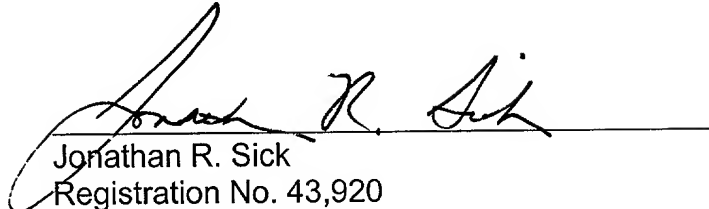
Sir:

The present application is a Divisional of application Serial No. 09/479,089, filed January 7, 2000. Claims 1-20 are the only claims pending in the present application.

Applicants identify U.S. Patent No. 6,162,503 to Ferrier, filed March 23, 1999 and issued December 19, 2000 ("Ferrier '503") in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c). Claims identified by Applicants under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c) include the following: claims 1-3, 5-6, and 10-12 of Ferrier.

Respectfully submitted,

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